

CONCERNING KANSAS.

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The Brown county stay-at-home vote was 1,426.

Several counties are paying up their delinquent State taxes.

It cost \$8,166.15 to run the Topeka insane asylum in October.

The office of the Lucas Advance was destroyed by fire last week.

A farmers' institute will be held at Newton, December 9 and 10.

The State Normal school has the largest enrollment it ever had.

A number of new cars will be put on the Wichita street railway line.

Topeka's new bridge will be ready for use by the latter part of December.

The thirty-seven Agricultural college thoroughbred cattle brought \$2,620.

Armour's mammoth packing plant, at Kansas City, is assessed at but \$55,000.

The Kansas State Penmanship Association will meet at Emporia, December 11.

Dave Leahy was the first British subject naturalized in Gasconade county, Missouri.

Topeka's woolen mill made a trial test last week. It will be in operation by January 1.

A full-page real estate "ad." in the Oberlin Herald serves as a reminder of former days.

A good vein of coal has been discovered on ex-Senator Ingalls' property, near Atchison.

After January 15 there will not be a Republican officer in the Wilson county court house.

G. T. Eagle, of Woodson county, raised a sweet potato weighing eighteen pounds this year.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Santa Fe will be held at Topeka, December 2.

Two boys who escaped from the Reform school last Thursday were immediately recaptured.

Ed Little denies a Republican story that he is a candidate for Chancellor of the State University.

The papers of the State generally commend the selection of Mrs. Annie L. Diggs as State Librarian.

Ex-Governor Lewelling has again publicly declared in favor of abolishing the metropolitan police system.

L. C. Stine, a prominent Democrat, has bought the Ottawa Republican. Its politics will doubtless change.

The Smith Center Journal compliments the Supreme court for appointing Mrs. Diggs as State Librarian.

The policy cash box of a Topeka gambling institution was seized by the police last week. It contained \$60.

A public meeting to arrange for the organization of a taxpayers' league in Cowley county has been called.

Every dollar of cost of the new court house at Hays City will be spent in Ellis county. Native stone will be used.

Superintendent Stryker says that there are 700 schools in Kansas whose average attendance is less than five pupils.

Kansas bankers are objecting to high rates charged by the express companies for the transportation of currency.

Ona Melton, a Kansas boy who has been a Spanish prisoner in Cuba, has been released by order of the Queen.

According to Judges Fischer and Pfost, of the city courts of Kansas City, Kas., pool rooms may lawfully run in that city.

A horse thief recently arrested in Barber county was a New York walf who was adopted by a Thomas county woman.

A reduction of telephone rates is being demanded at Emporia and the city council has been asked to pass a suitable ordinance.

An ordinance will soon be introduced in the Topeka City Council to secure dollar gas. There seems to be a fair chance to pass it.

The Emporia Republican favors the repeal of the metropolitan police law and the law creating a board of pardons is a special session is held.

The Oberlin postoffice fight is clearing up. L. G. Parker has been told to lie down and he has obeyed. Columbus Borin will be appointed.

The Blaine News, edited by Palmer, formerly of the Jewell County Record, defends R. W. Turner and asserts that he did as any other man would do under

the circumstances in the recent campaign.

Medicine Lodge's city marshal has made himself solid with the people by arresting Halloween fiends. May be he wants to go to Congress too?

The Salvation Army gets very little encouragement in its troubles from the Hutchinson papers. In most other towns the papers treat it as a good thing.

Ellsworth Ingalls has been assigned special work in connection with the government department of justice. He will have headquarters at Atchison.

Chester I. Long, encouraged by the Republican victory in Barber county, has announced his candidacy for Congress. This decision, he says, is final.

The odor of onions or the presence of onions themselves on the person of a pupil is sufficient ground for dismissal for the day at Clay school, in Topeka.

A. M. Kookan, a cattle thief, disarmed the Sheriff, a Santa Fe detective and a policeman, who had arrested him, and escaped at Emporia last Wednesday.

The WaKeeney Independent says that O. B. Jones, whom Judge Monroe has appointed as County Attorney of Gove county, lives at Oakley, in Logan county.

Dick Pickler, the newly-elected Judge of the Fifteenth district, was chairman of the Colby convention which nominated Webb McNeill for Congress in 1890.

Judge Moore, of Abilene, holds that the State Board of Agriculture has nothing to do with fixing valuations of railroad property for local taxation purposes.

J. E. Latimer, who has become a veteran in newspaper work, has sold the Pleasanton Herald to J. W. Latimer and T. B. Harper. He will engage in other business.

The Regents of the Normal school have adopted some new text-books. The three new books selected are all in the list adopted by the State Text-book Commission.

A sixteen-inch vein of coal thirty feet below the surface has been discovered by men who were digging a well in a school house yard, near Auburn, in Shawnee county.

Osage county coal operators have formed the Osage County Coal Company. The following prices have been agreed on: Scranton, \$1.60, Burlingame \$1.75, Osage City \$1.90.

The Clark County Clipper observes that the rule of the railroads not to issue passes to persons to go home to vote will probably be continued until the Republicans get in power again.

Fifty-eight of sixty Kansas bankers who responded to an inquiry are opposed to postal savings banks. An inquiry directed to the whole people would bring a different response.

What has become of those Republican campaign orators who were traveling over the State a few years ago telling the people that the Republican party was the only true friend of silver?

"Pioneering in Kansas in the Fifties" is a new book by Dr. Charles Williamson, of Washington. It is said to contain considerable historical matter which has never been in print.

Speaker pro tem Welles, of Cherokee county, has been appointed to a position in the office of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the United States Senate on the recommendation of Senator Harris.

N. H. Harmon, of the Valley Falls Vindicator, is dead. He is one of the old reformers of Kansas and was a man whose personal character and daily walk in life won him the respect of all.

The National Bank of the Republic has again been designated as the Kansas fiscal agency. The rates are 2 per cent. on balances, \$1 per thousand on bonds collected and 50 cents on coupons.

State Librarian J. L. King, who will retire in March, has made a very satisfactory record. Mr. King is one of those men whose disposition is such that men of all political parties are his friends.

The Judges of the Court of Appeals of the northern department were in session at Topeka last week. This court is passing on a large number of cases and is making a very satisfactory record.

The Department of Entomology of the State University has issued a bulletin giving information relative to grasshoppers. A copy may be obtained by addressing Chancellor Snow, at Lawrence.

Josiah Jordan and wife, of Topeka,

were on the steamer Bluff City, which was burned in the Mississippi river near Chester, Ill., last Thursday. They escaped uninjured but lost almost everything they had with them.

The Topeka Capital worries unnecessarily over the fact that ex-Governor Lewelling carries a lot of railroad passes. The law directs that Railroad Commissioners shall be entitled to this privilege.

G. G. Gillett, owner of a large cattle ranch near Abilene, has gone to Texas after 15,000 head of cattle which he recently bought. A band composed of cowboys employed by him accompanied him.

The Wichita Commoner renews its demand for the removal of Rufe Cone from the Populist State committee. It brands him as a spoils politician, a man who is in politics solely for personal gain.

The Iola Register sees, in the organization of the Socialist Labor party at Pittsburg, the beginning of the end of Populism in Kansas. Republicans have imagined that they saw this sort of a condition coming before.

Miss Maud Herrel, who has been employed in the State G. A. R. headquarters for many years, has been tendered a position as stenographer in the Interior Department, at Washington, by Assistant Secretary Tom Ryan.

W. G. Dickie, who is superintendent of the State printing house, is demonstrating his ability as a good business man and giving evidence that State Printer Parks made a wise selection in placing him in that position.

Salina people are urging that city to buy the old paper mill and convert it into an electric light and waterworks plant. The cost of lights could be reduced one-half and the service increased so that lights would be on all night.

Judge McDonald, the Fort Scott lawyer and politician, who has been under arrest on a charge growing out of a disagreement as to the disposition of fees in a lawsuit, is again free, the case having been compromised and dismissed.

The Great Bend Beacon is making a vigorous fight against pretended Populists who vote the opposition ticket when they cannot run the party machine. The Beacon gives names and details and seems to be in position to maintain its stand.

The fast mail on the Santa Fe will be run out of Kansas City earlier and on faster time and will overtake the train which leaves Kansas City at 9:20 p. m., and thus give points beyond Newton the benefits of closer connection with Kansas City.

Attorney Isenhardt has withdrawn from a suit in which he represented the city of Topeka in opposition to the waterworks company. He alleges that the city attorney is working in the interest of the water company rather than the city.

Syl Dixon, the boomer who shipped a train load of corn decorated in honor of McKinley through Kansas and Missouri, just before the St. Louis convention, is financially embarrassed. His grain business at Conway Springs proved unprofitable.

Kansas City Star: Harrison Clarkson, the insurance czar who issues his ukases from Topeka, has informed Atchison that he will reduce rates there under certain conditions. This czar will come up standing in court on the wrong side of the docket some day.

In 1874 there were twenty-four Granges in Brown county. The first organization in the State was made at Hiawatha in 1872. A county ticket was nominated and elected in 1873 and the organization began to decline almost as rapidly as it had grown.

In the many years that the Agricultural college has kept a herd of thoroughbred cattle not a single bulletin relating to their care or in any way of any value to breeders, has been issued, with the single exception of the post-mortem sale bulletin sent out last week.

The Kansas State Horticultural Society will hold its annual meeting at Topeka December 28, 29 and 30. Papers and reports from the leading horticulturalists will be read. The program is a very interesting one and everybody interested in horticulture should attend.

The A. O. U. W. members of the State are discussing a proposed classified assessment plan instead of the present level assessment for members of all ages. Under the classified plan each member's assessment would be based on his age and would increase as he grows older.

For years Republican papers have complained that Populists ridiculed and belittled Kansas. Now the Abilene Reflector complains because the Governor's Thanksgiving proclamation gives the

impression that "Leedy thinks the world rests on and revolves around Kansas."

The Concordia Empire (Rep.) prints a table showing the vote in the various county officers in the Fifth district. It shows a Republican majority of 4,911 on Surveyor and a plurality for the same party of 260 on treasurer. The next to the highest majority is shown on coroner.

The Kansas Real Estate Association will prepare and maintain an exhibit of Kansas products at Kansas City for inspection by visitors to that city and prospective investors. Each county which is so disposed will be given reasonable space. H. C. Owens will be in charge of the exhibit.

The Topeka Journal printed a very amusing story about a fellow swallowing a job lot of collar buttons, under the impression that they were insomnia pills, about a week ago, and then published it several days afterward in plate matter with the credit line, "Topeka State Journal," under it.

The Kiowa Review observes that the Anthony Bulletin is worth its weight in gold and that mechanically it is the best in the State. The Bulletin modestly replies that but few of the good papers in Kansas are on the Review's exchange list and that his acquaintance with good printers is limited.

J. T. Hanna, the Citizens' candidate for Clerk in Finney county, and S. C. Hanna, Populist candidate for Treasurer in Elk county, were both defeated. The people evidently don't want to extend their relations with the Hanna family, even though it may have some men in it who are interested in the people's welfare.

The banner Republican county of Kansas ought to be so managed that there are funds enough in the treasury to put the court house grounds at Topeka in such condition as to indicate that it is the seat of justice of one of the best counties in the State. The grounds now resemble a deserted western Kansas townsite.

Does any one know anything about a Mr. Little, who is a member of the Live Stock Sanitary Commission? His name does not appear on the payroll. The Holton Tribune is finding fault with the work of this board and with the State administration because of its action through this fictitious Mr. Little in a case in that county.

The Topeka electric street lighting plant, which is owned by the city, furnishes light all night at a cost of \$3.34 per 2,000 candle power light per month or \$40.08 per light annually. This is about half the cost of private lights of the same character. Salina pays a private company \$8.33 per light per month and they run but half of the night.

J. F. Herman, of the Olathe Herald, committed suicide at his home November 15. He was well known by the newspapers of the State and enjoyed their friendship and esteem. He was said to have led a dual life, having been a Sunday school man and at the same time a poker player. He was under arrest charged with embezzling \$2,000 belonging to a widow and took his life on the morning of the trial.

Kansas City Tribune (Rep.): We would like to believe that those Ohio Republicans who are really anti-Hanna had as much backbone as the Kentucky Republicans who refused to elect Hunter, but we haven't. Hanna will probably be re-elected and it will not be to the credit of Ohio, the Republican party or the Senate. Hanna is not a fit man for United States Senator and it is a pity that he cannot be succeeded by some one more worthy to take John Sherman's place.

Lincoln (Kas.) Sentinel (Dem.): Ex-Senator Peffer's idea of political union is the only one that will work defeat to the Republican party. Fusion won't do it. There must be one common party under one common name, united wholly for the fighting of a common cause—that cause, the people's cause. It should make no difference under what name the union against Republicanism is effected. The less fantastic, however, the better and more successful will be the union.

Judge Andrews, of La Crosse, says that on election morning he feared defeat because of the fact that it was a fine day for drilling in wheat. There had been a series of rains which had moistened the soil thoroughly and it was just dried out enough to be cultivated satisfactorily. Although the temptation to take advantage of favorable farming conditions was great enough Populists left their work to give him a safe majority and retain on the bench a man who would be faithful to their interests.